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MARSHALL DIVISION

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LTD, AND SAMSUNG	)	
ELECTRONICS AMERICA,	)	
INC.,	)	
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 VIDEOGRAPHER: And we're going on the  
3 record in the videotaped deposition of Dr. M. Ray  
4 Mercer. Today's date is March 9, 2018. The time is  
5 8:21 a.m.

6 At this time, counsel please state your  
7 appearances for the record and the court reporter will  
8 swear in the witness.

9 MR. RAFILSON: Ari Rafilson, on behalf of  
10 CyWee Group, and with me is Dr. Nicholas Gans, one of  
11 our experts in the case.

12 MS. BRANN: Liza Brann, on behalf of  
13 Samsung, and with me is my associate Steve Mosley.

14 M. RAY MERCER, PhD,  
15 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:  
16 Show direct examination

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. RAFILSON:

19 Q. Welcome, Dr. Mercer.

20 Would you state your name for the record?

21 A. Yes, my full name is Melvin Ray Mercer.

22 Q. Okay. And just as a housekeeping matter,  
23 before we get started, I understand from our discussion  
24 before we got started, that you've brought some  
25 materials that you would like to refer to during your

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1 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) -- by the extended Kalman  
2 filters?

3 A. Terms that carry that variable to values in the  
4 Kalman filter.

5 Q. How many papers have you written on Kalman  
6 filters?

7 MS. BRANN: Objection, form.

8 A. None.

9 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) None. How many patents do  
10 you have on patent -- on Kalman filters?

11 A. I think you already asked that question.

12 Q. No, I asked -- I'm sorry, I asked papers first.

13 A. No, you asked me papers, but early on you asked  
14 me about patents.

15 Yeah, if you want to ask me the question,  
16 again, I guess that's okay. I just want to let you know  
17 you were asking the same question twice, I believe.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. And by the way, if you look at the record and  
20 I'm wrong, ask me and I'll be happy -- happy to answer.

21 Q. So just to confirm, you don't have any patents  
22 on Kalman filters?

23 A. No, none of -- none of the patents that I have  
24 relate to Kalman filters. That's absolutely right.

25 But they certainly do relate to the same

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1 kind of ideas and the same kind of objectives that are  
2 achieved by Kalman filters. It's just that in the cases  
3 I was working on that -- those were not -- that Kalman  
4 filter was the optimal implementation.

5 There was another way of doing things.

6 Q. And when you say "the same types of  
7 objectives," what do you mean?

8 A. So, for example, if we go to the example that  
9 comes to my mind, that's closest to, essentially, the --  
10 the topics in this litigation, with respect to inertial  
11 guidance and with respect to rockets, when -- when  
12 rockets are -- are fired, they go through a stress  
13 period.

14 And it is possible that the electronics  
15 that are critical to the operation of the rockets will  
16 not tolerate the stress. They will not work properly.

17 And so in order to reduce that probability  
18 or increase the confidence that you have and the ability  
19 of the electronics to endure those stresses, stresses  
20 are imposed prior to the actual launch of the vehicle,  
21 often prior to the construction of the vehicle.

22 Q. And how does that relate to a Kalman filter?

23 A. It relates to a Kalman filter because the right  
24 way to handle that problem, in that particular case, was  
25 definitely not a Kalman filter.

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1 Q. Okay.

2 A. But it -- but it used very similar ideas. It's  
3 just it was not optimal.

4 Q. Have you ever implemented an extended Kalman  
5 filter?

6 A. No. By the way, the term never appears in --  
7 in the patent note specifications.

8 Q. Dr. Mercer, while I appreciate that, I would  
9 ask you to keep your answers to the questions I'm  
10 asking.

11 A. Fair enough.

12 Q. Your -- your counsel will have an opportunity  
13 to ask you questions during -- during redirect?

14 A. I'd -- I'd like to answer your questions so  
15 well, my counsel doesn't have to ask questions.

16 Q. Okay. Let's turn back to Exhibit 3.

17 A. I have that.

18 Q. Your Declaration. So you had talked earlier  
19 and said that you spent approximately 110 to 140 hours  
20 on this case, as a whole, correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. About how much time would you say you spent  
23 working on this Declaration?

24 A. Oh, I don't know. I don't keep up with that.  
25 In fact, I don't -- I have not the slightest idea. I



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1 the beginning of media number three. The time is 11:36.

2 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) Thank you. Dr. Mercer, I  
3 would refer you back to Exhibit 4, the '438 patent.

4 A. I have that.

5 Q. Okay. And I want to also refer you to -- well,  
6 actually, never mind that.

7 Let me refer you to Figure 1.

8 A. I have Figure 1.

9 Q. Okay. And we established earlier that 110 is  
10 defined -- or described as a pointing device, right?

11 A. In the specif -- in the pointing device in the  
12 specification, yes.

13 Q. Correct. And does pointing device 110 in  
14 Figure 1 appear to be a rigid object?

15 A. I -- I actually, when I -- there's nothing in  
16 this figure that tells me that, but when I hear the word  
17 "pointing device," I think about the pointing devices  
18 that I've used in the past, and I can't remember one  
19 that was not rigid.

20 Q. Okay. So does device 110 appear to be a rigid  
21 object?

22 A. I already answered that question.

23 And the answer is, if -- if you interpret  
24 110 as a pointer device, then, yes, it's rigid. If I  
25 interpret it just looking at this figure, there's not

1 Q. Right. And is it your understanding from  
2 reviewing the patents that the patent involves tracking  
3 motion of a USB stick plugged into the side of the  
4 computer?

5 A. I don't recall that.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Actually, that -- I'm sorry. I should say, no,  
8 I don't recall any discussion of the USB port, and  
9 whether the USB -- the memory stick.

10 I don't recall whether that was ever  
11 discussed, or whether the fact that it was rigid or  
12 nonrigid, I don't recall that that was an issue. I just  
13 wanted to point out, I was asking -- answering your  
14 question fully and completely.

15 Q. And I appreciate that.

16 A. Sure. And you deserve it.

17 Q. Are you aware of any other disclosure of a  
18 nonrigid object in the figures before you?

19 A. Okay. If you're talking about the key  
20 assembly, the keyboard assembly...

21 Q. Well, actually, let's ignore the -- let's  
22 ignore the PC and USB key shown in Figure 5.

23 A. Okay. Okay. Okay.

24 Q. Just to shortcut --

25 A. Sure. Okay. That's great.

1 Q. -- your answer.

2 A. I don't see any other object in figures 1  
3 Through 9 of the '438 patent, except those that I've  
4 already identified for you that look to be nonrigid.  
5 They all -- the remainder looks to be rigid.

6 Q. Okay. And I'm not asking you to -- okay.

7 Do you recall during your preparation for  
8 this case having found any disclosures in the  
9 specification that disclose a nonrigid body?

10 A. Oh, well, you mean explicitly or implicitly?

11 Q. First, let's start with explicitly.

12 A. I don't remember one way or the other.

13 Q. So you don't recall any explicit disclosure of  
14 a nonrigid body in the '438 patent?

15 A. No, I didn't say that.

16 I said, I don't remember one way or the  
17 other. It may be there and I have forgotten it. So  
18 this is an answer to the question that I don't know the  
19 answer to your question.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. But I'll read the specification, if you want,  
22 and then I can answer your question.

23 Q. Okay. So let's turn to paragraph 46, or  
24 actually 45 of your Declaration.

25 A. Okay. I have my Declaration and my

1 Wikipedia...

2 Q. Yeah. Okay.

3 A. So I'm looking --

4 Q. I'm referring you to Exhibit 7.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. You already said that you didn't recall seeing  
7 the equations in the equations 5 Through 11 in the '438  
8 patent.

9 A. Okay. I've --

10 Q. Essentially --

11 A. I've been bouncing back and forth between the  
12 '438 and this one.

13 Q. Well, I'm asking the same question with respect  
14 to discreet time predict and update equations that you  
15 see in Exhibit 7.

16 A. Right. And what is that question?

17 Q. The question is: Have you seen any of these --  
18 are you familiar with any of these equations?

19 A. I don't -- I don't have an immediate  
20 recollection of seeing these equations using these  
21 terms.

22 Even if I had seen something that was  
23 isomorphic, I'm not sure I would recognize it, because I  
24 -- the context for those variables may well be  
25 completely different from here.

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1                   So the answer is, gosh, I can't -- I can't  
2     say.

3           Q.   Okay.  Let's look at the innovation or  
4     measurement residual equation in figure -- in Exhibit 7.

5           A.   Okay.

6           Q.   And would you or would you not say that that is  
7     equivalent to equation 8 from the '438 patent?

8           A.   Well, the first difference that I see in 8, is  
9     that the first term -- by the way, yeah, as expressing K  
10    of T given T minus one in the innovation of measurement  
11    residual, I don't see -- and there are two terms.

12                   And both of those -- okay.  So actually  
13    there's -- there's one term here, and it's compound  
14    because it's H of X of T when we look at 8, but there's  
15    no -- there's no compound notation with respect to the  
16    innovation or measurement residual at all.

17                   It's not compound.  You don't have to go  
18    and resolve something that's inside a bracket,  
19    parenthesis, to figure out what it is that's in there so  
20    no, those are not -- those are not isomorphic.

21                   Maybe repeat your question and I can answer  
22    it.

23           Q.   What about the -- I want to refer you -- do you  
24    see the formulation section on that same page of  
25    Exhibit 7?

1 A. I'm sorry. Formulation, okay.

2 Q. Yeah. Okay. You see the second formula  $Z_{subK}$   
3 equals H, left paren, X of K, and goes on from there?

4 A. If you're referring to the K -- the equation  
5 that says Z of K equals H of K -- I'm sorry, H of X  
6  $subK$ , plus B  $sub$ ...

7 Q.  $SubK$ ?

8 A. It is  $subK$ .

9 Q. Yeah. Would you say that that equation is,  
10 essentially, the same as equation 8 from the '438  
11 patent?

12 A. No. It definitely is not. On the left hand  
13 side -- I'm sorry. Wait a minute. I looked at the  
14 wrong -- okay. Let me go back.

15 Okay. Certainly, equation 8 seems to be  
16 written in terms of time and, therefore, one of ordinary  
17 skill in the art would be more inclined to think about  
18 it as this being continuous. That's the first thing I  
19 notice.

20 And then you said 8, and the second one,  
21 correct?

22 Q. Yeah, the  $Z_{subK}$  --

23 A.  $SubK$ . Okay.

24 Q. -- equation that you just read.

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. Or the formulation section.

2 A. The same thing with the T. Actually, 8 is  
3 written in conditional form, Z of T given T minus one.  
4 So that's a conditional formulation. There's no  
5 conditional formulation in Z subK equals H of XK plus  
6 BK.

7 Okay. And the H -- KH here is again  
8 compound. It's H of X of T given T minus one, whereas,  
9 here it's just V subK.

10 So, no, in fact, it was worse than that.  
11 Equation 8 -- equation 8 on the right-hand side has one  
12 compound variable Z, subK on the right-hand side has two  
13 variables that are being added.

14 So, no, there -- that's -- that's -- that's  
15 not the same formulation.

16 Q. Is it similar?

17 MS. BRANN: Objection, form.

18 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) To a person of ordinary  
19 skill in the art, is it essentially the same?

20 MS. BRANN: Objection, form.

21 A. Yeah, my answer to that is I don't think so.

22 In fact, I'm -- let me tell you, if a  
23 student came to me and said, you know, I wrote down the  
24 answer and it is similar to this, rather than what I was  
25 expecting, that would not be similar to me.

1                   They would not win the similar argument  
2 unless they got the gimme.

3           Q. Let's turn to Exhibit 7.

4                   Do you see the innovation or residual  
5 covariance equation?

6           A. I do.

7           Q. And is it your -- and is that equivalent to  
8 equation 9 from the '438 patent?

9           A. Certainly, the left hand variables are  
10 different. They are not -- not explicitly -- there's --  
11 there's conditional probability as what's being  
12 expressed on 9.

13                   I don't think there's a conditional  
14 probability on the innovation or residual covariance.  
15 So they're definitely not matched up that way. To the  
16 extent that you interpret the subscripts as being the  
17 same as the -- the variables that are inside the open  
18 and closed parenthesis, and that first term -- 9 -- 9  
19 HKP -- you have to assume, again from the way these were  
20 written, I think one skilled in the art would understand  
21 because of the parenthesis those are continuous  
22 statements, and the -- and the one from Wikipedia is  
23 discreet, but it's closer.

24                   The real problem is that it's P of K given  
25 K minus 1 on the left-hand side of Wikipedia, oh, okay,



1 and Z of TT minus one -- also these things are -- these  
2 things differ in the sense that Wikipedia chooses  
3 capital letters for the variables, and equation 9, oh, I  
4 misstated.

5 Those are -- those are capital letters. So  
6 they're both in -- probably in a different domain,  
7 probably not a temporal domain. They're probably in  
8 some sort of response domain.

9 We're talking about 9, correct?

10 Q. We are talking about 9.

11 A. I'm sorry, we're comparing the innovation or  
12 residual covariance, correct, with equation 9?

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. Yeah. The -- the major difference that I see  
15 here is that it looks pretty clear to me that Wikipedia  
16 is a discreet formulation. It's ambiguous with respect  
17 to equation 9, whether it's discreet --

18 Q. When you say, "it's ambiguous" -- are you  
19 talking about -- oh, you're talking about the '438  
20 patent?

21 You're talking about equation 9 in the '438  
22 patent, right, when you discussed...

23 A. Yeah -- yeah, I'm sorry. Absolutely. I  
24 apologize. Okay. So the -- the difference that I  
25 notice is that in the Wikipedia paper, this is clearly

1 something that's done that's not continuous. It's  
2 discreet.

3 And in the '438, it's ambiguous whether  
4 it's discreet or continuous.

5 Q. So to you, the fact that -- that equation 9  
6 references TNT minus one does not connote that the  
7 equation is discreet; is that -- is that correct.

8 I don't want to misstate your testimony.

9 A. Okay. Sure. That's a good question.

10 So now, you're referring -- I assume you're  
11 referring to equation 9, right?

12 Q. Yes.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. Because you indicated that it didn't look  
15 discreet, and so I'm --

16 A. Right. On the --

17 Q. -- I'm just referring to --

18 A. Right. Because --

19 Q. TNT minus 1.

20 A. If you notice the variable here is -- is like  
21 time. Do you see it is a T? The -- the subscript is a  
22 T, right?

23 On the -- yeah, so the index or the -- or  
24 the continuous variable is T over in the 438. The K  
25 there is a discreet value corresponding to a discreet.

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1 It doesn't have to be time, necessarily.

2 It can be a sample or some such thing as that. I can't  
3 really say about that.

4 Q. Okay. Let's turn the, let's go to page 3 of  
5 Exhibit 7.

6 MS. BRANN: Which page is that, Ari?

7 MR. RAFILSON: It's the page that starts F  
8 subK equals.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm sorry. Would you  
10 start the question over?

11 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) Would you turn to page 3 of  
12 Exhibit 7. That's the Wikipedia article.

13 A. Okay. Page 3 of the Wikipedia article. This  
14 is one. This is two.

15 Do you see, Higher-order extended Kalman  
16 filterS?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. Do you see the equation at the top of the page?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Is that the same as equation 6 of the '438  
22 patent, asymmetrically?

23 A. This is the -- this is -- starts over on  
24 Wikipedia and it says XK equals F of X -- K minus one,  
25 comma, one U of K minus one, comma WK minus one.

1                   Is that the formula are you talking about  
2   or are you talking about another formula?

3           Q.   Hold on a moment.  It doesn't start out XK.  It  
4   starts out FK equals.

5           A.   FK.

6           Q.   It's the very top of the page under,  
7   Higher-Order extended Kalman filter.

8           A.   Okay.

9           Q.   It's the top equation.

10          A.   Got it.  Got it.  Got it.  Okay.  Okay.

11                   The same argument about continuous versus  
12   variable.  I -- X of T minus one.  Oh, T minus one.  No.  
13   I don't think -- let me -- partial F with respect to X T  
14   minus one.  In this particular case -- let's see, this  
15   particular case, on the '438, we're working -- okay.

16                   So we have -- if you notice F subX equals  
17   the partial F, open parenthesis, XT minus one comma UT,  
18   with the partial -- with the partial taken with respect  
19   to XT minus one.

20                   Over here -- I guess that's okay, partial  
21   with respect to X of -- no.  No.  No, that's not --  
22   let's see, no.  The partial in one case is a function  
23   only of XT minus one.  That's in the case of the -- the  
24   '438 patent.

25                   And -- and this one, this is a really --

1 this is a -- actually, this is a very strange notation,  
2 because here it's saying...

3 Q. When you're referring to "here," are you  
4 referring to Exhibit 7 or the '438?

5 A. Exhibit 7, which is the Wikipedia.

6 If you notice it is  $X_{K-1}$  so  $K-1$   
7 given  $K-1$ . That is a strange thing to say. If  
8  $K-1$  is  $K-1$ , you don't have to put the  
9 given  $K-1$ . I don't even know what that  
10 connotes, just a strange notation or sloppy notation.

11 Okay. And we're looking now at equation 6  
12 -- equation 6, yes. So also if you notice over here --

13 Q. When you say "over here"?

14 A. I'm sorry, when you -- when you look at the  
15 Wikipedia, you notice that it's given -- and now, this  
16 is  $X_{K-1}$ , given  $K-1$ .

17 So that hat over the top of it doesn't  
18 appear over here in equation 6. I think the chances are  
19 pretty good that the carrot mean estimate. There's  
20 nothing to indicate on the other side that -- that  
21 that's estimated.

22 Does that make sense? Wait a minute.

23 Q. So --

24 A. I'm comparing -- I'm comparing  $F$  with  $F$ . These  
25 things run together after a while. (Indiscernible)

1 Q. So you're saying there's -- there's no carrot  
2 in the -- in the -- in the Wikipedia article?

3 A. There is a carrot with respect to F in the  
4 Wikipedia article.

5 Q. Right. But not with respect to the X, which is  
6 the denominator?

7 A. Well, absolutely. That's -- that's X where you  
8 take the derivative with X when you set it to the  
9 estimate, something about given FX one, and then given K  
10 minus one.

11 Honestly I -- I find the Wikipedia -- that  
12 -- that terminology is -- I don't understand it, but --  
13 but also in one case, there's an estimate and the other  
14 case there's not.

15 Q. Okay. And referring to the equation underneath  
16 that, the one underneath S subK of H subK equation --

17 A. Right. Right.

18 Q. -- is that substantively identical to equation  
19 10 of the '438 patent?

20 MS. BRANN: Objection, form.

21 A. Well, I think this is definitely strange,  
22 because if you notice the variable -- the left hand  
23 variable in 6 and 7 are, in fact, F of X and F subU.

24 But here they're F and H and F subU. I  
25 don't know what F subU -- I don't know whether F subU

1 has any relationship to  $X$  of  $U$  or not, but I -- I know  
2 for isomorphism, you have to find the same thing on both  
3 sides, generally, because these can be -- can be,  
4 obviously, entered into other equations to do the  
5 calculations.

6 So the fact that the left hand variables  
7 are different here means to me they're not isomorphic,  
8 because in this isomorphism -- for all of isomorphisms  
9 for -- for the '438, the two left hand variables are the  
10 same.

11 And in Wikipedia, the left hand variables  
12 on top is  $F_{\text{sub}K}$  and the bottom is  $H_{\text{sub}K}$ , and then also  
13 the point of evaluation in the case of the '438, is it  
14 time  $X$  of  $T$  minus one and -- okay, and -- and here it's  
15  $\hat{X}$  given  $\text{sub}K$  given  $K$ .

16 And there was one other thing. Let me see  
17 what that was. Oh -- oh, in order -- and you also -- in  
18 order to avoid another problem, you have to make the  
19 assumption that the capital  $F_{\text{sub}U}$ , and then you talk  
20 about the partial with respect to the lower case  $F$ ,  
21 whereas in Wikipedia, you see the capital  $H$  of  $K$  and  
22 then the partial of lower case  $H$ .

23 That's -- that's okay, assuming that in  
24 both cases, upper and lower case mean the same, except  
25 perhaps a different transform, like one in time and one

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1 in frequency domain, or something like that.

2 But you'd also have to -- you'd have to  
3 recognize that to even get as close as I was after I  
4 gave you all the (indiscernible) --

5 THE WITNESS: And I don't want to, John, to  
6 interrupt your flow or anything, but it was a very good  
7 lunch and I would like to try -- bio break at your  
8 convenience.

9 MR. RAFILSON: Sure. We can take a break  
10 now.

11 THE WITNESS: Thank you very much.

12 VIDEOGRAPHER: And we're going off the  
13 record at 2:52.

14 (Break)

15 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record for  
16 the beginning of media number five. The time is 3:05.

17 MR. RAFILSON: Dr. Mercer, I'm going to  
18 give you what will be marked as Exhibit 8.

19 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 8 marked)

20 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) And, Dr. Mercer, do you  
21 agree that this is a publication -- this is an excerpt  
22 of a publication entitled, Optimal State Estimation?

23 A. Well, I'm -- I'm sure that you're representing  
24 that this came from a document that was printed by  
25 Wiley-Intersciences, called Optimal State Estimation,



1 and you got the copyright here. So you've the date.

2 And then -- and then you wanted me to  
3 particularly look at 1 page of that -- or 2 pages.

4 Q. Are you familiar with this work -- with this  
5 piece of work, Optimal State Estimation?

6 A. I -- I really don't know the answer to that  
7 question, because I've been looking at -- at Kalman --  
8 Kalman publications, and I looked at a lot of them.

9 And so, certainly, I would not be able to  
10 remember every equation that was written every place,  
11 but I have been looking at Kalman -- I've been looking  
12 at Kalman's writing, and so I -- I don't know whether I  
13 looked at this one or not.

14 Oh, is there a date on this, by the way?  
15 No, this is the book date. This is 2006. It's  
16 copyright 2006, but we don't know that Kalman actually  
17 wrote this in 2006. It might be something that was  
18 copied from something he had written back in 1961.  
19 True?

20 The only reason I'm asking is I kind of  
21 know something about the dates I'm looking at. And if  
22 you're going to tell me it's a 2006 document, Kalman  
23 wrote this for the first time in 2006, I can guarantee  
24 you I haven't seen it.

25 Q. I'm not going to represent when the document

1 was written, but certainly it has a copyright page that  
2 speaks for itself.

3 A. That -- that speaks for when it was published,  
4 but it does not speak about when it was -- I mean,  
5 that's -- let me just explain that, that's my  
6 understanding.

7 MR. RAFILSON: Actually, I have to admit  
8 that there is a missing page from this exhibit. So  
9 we're going to have to go on break for a minute while I  
10 print off the missing page.

11 VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record?

12 MR. RAFILSON: Yeah, let's go off the  
13 record for just a moment.

14 VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 3:09.

15 (Off the record)

16 VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record.  
17 The time is 3:10.

18 MR. RAFILSON: Dr. Mercer, the previous  
19 version of Exhibit 8 I gave you was missing page 409.  
20 I'm going to hand that to you right -- right now.

21 THE WITNESS: Okay.

22 Do you have what you need, Kelly?

23 MR. RAFILSON: If you want to staple it to  
24 the other exhibit for convenience, you can. You don't  
25 have to.

1 THE WITNESS: Okay.

2 MR. RAFILSON: Liza, here is your copy.

3 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) Dr. Mercer, I'd like you to  
4 turn to page 409.

5 A. I have that.

6 Q. And have you seen any of these equations  
7 before?

8 A. I think I have testified that I reviewed  
9 several common publications. I've also testified in the  
10 past that I don't have recollection of every equation  
11 that I see, and so I don't know one way or the other.

12 Q. Okay. Just a couple of questions on this one.  
13 I'd refer you to the first equation under step 1.

14 The system and measurement equations are  
15 given as follows, and this is for the discreet time  
16 extended Kalman filter.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. And -- and they're numbered 1344, four  
20 equations all of which I would assume is group number  
21 1344.

22 Q. Right. Right. And you've already testified  
23 that you don't recall if you've seen these specific  
24 equation before.

25 A. True.

1 Q. Is -- is the first equation equivalent to  
2 equation 5 of the '438 patent?

3 MS. BRANN: Objection, form.

4 A. Okay. The first thing I note is, do you  
5 remember before I had conjectured that the formulations  
6 that were described by Wikipedia were discreet, and  
7 that's why those Ks were at the bottom of the -- of the  
8 variables, the subKs at the bottom of the variables.

9 If you look just above this, notice that it  
10 said discreet time extended Kalman filter. So that  
11 conjecture was correct. So that observation contrast, 5  
12 may be discreet, but it also can be continuous.

13 So that certainly means they're not  
14 equivalent.

15 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) Okay. And is the second  
16 equation equivalent to equation 8 of the '438 patent?  
17 So this is the second equation of Exhibit 8 to equation  
18 -- I'm sorry.

19 The second equation on page 409 of  
20 Exhibit 8, yes, and we're comparing that to equation 8  
21 of the '438 patent.

22 MS. BRANN: Objection, form.

23 A. Okay. So the first thing is that equation 8,  
24 the variables are evaluated and the value of TT minus  
25 one, and at -- the second thing that we see on

1 Wikipedia --

2 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) Well, for clarification,  
3 this isn't Wikipedia.

4 Oh, are you referring to Exhibit 7, or are  
5 you referring to Exhibit 8? If Exhibit 8 is not  
6 Wikipedia?

7 A. My apologize. You're right. I -- I've changed  
8 context. Actually, there's probably some mistakes in  
9 the prior testimony too, but after -- after you gave me  
10 this new document --

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. -- I was thinking that you made another copy  
13 from Wikipedia, but now I remember it's not. It's from  
14 a different book.

15 And so if you want to repeat the questions  
16 or --

17 THE WITNESS: If you want, I'll just be  
18 happy, I guess, with the advice of counsel to speculate,  
19 when I said Wikipedia with respect to this document, I  
20 really meant --

21 MR. RAFILSON: That's fine.

22 THE WITNESS: Is that okay with everybody?

23 MS. BRANN: Yeah.

24 THE WITNESS: It will save you some time.

25 MR. RAFILSON: Okay.

1           A. Okay. Now, we're back to 8 and we're looking  
2   at 8 in the second equation. Okay. Here we have  $Z_{subT}$   
3   at T given  $T_1$ .

4                       So this is an evaluation at time T minus  
5   one, as I understand it, very well could be a discreet  
6   time, but it also could be a continuous time.

7                       In contrast  $Y_{subK}$  in the case of this  
8   document is clearly discreet.

9           Q. Well, when you say -- I'm sorry to interrupt.  
10   When you say "this document," would you more clearly  
11   refer to, say, the patent or the exhibit, just to  
12   distinguish.

13          A. Okay.

14          Q. Just to distinguish.

15          A. That's -- that's -- that's very reasonable.  
16   That's very reasonable. So I can -- I can do that, and  
17   I will do a better job, okay.

18                       And so let me start -- why don't you ask  
19   the question and I will restart -- and I will restart my  
20   answer.

21          Q. Okay. So I referred you to the second equation  
22   under it's at -- it's under one, the system and  
23   measurement equations listed for discreet time extended  
24   filter.

25                       And that is in Exhibit 8, and that's in --

1 it's labeled Section 13.44 and this is the second  
2 equation there that reads  $Y_{\text{sub}K}$  equals  $H_{\text{sub}K}$  and  
3 continues on from there.

4 And I'm asking you if that is substantially  
5 the same as equation 8 of the '438 patent?

6 MS. BRANN: Objection, form.

7 A. So my first answer with respect to the '438  
8 patent, the left hand variable, which is being  
9 calculated, is a function of time, and it's not clear.  
10 This might be evaluated at discreet times or it could be  
11 evaluated at continuous time.

12 This notation would not discriminate  
13 between those two, but in contrast this Exhibit 8  
14 version clearly is done discreetly. So that's the first  
15 thing I find that is different.

16 The second thing that I find is different  
17 is the time setting, and so in the case of '438 patent,  
18 the -- the time when we're looking is time  $T$  minus one,  
19 both for the thing we're looking at and for the result.

20 With respect to Exhibit 8, this -- this is  
21 clearly discreet and it's not at  $T$  minus one, and it's  
22 not at  $K$  minus one. It's at time  $K$  and, to me, these  
23 really mean something different in the sense that in one  
24 case, you're relying on something that had been simple  
25 -- sampled at least one time frame early, where -- and

1 that's in the case of the '438 patent.

2 But in the case of the Exhibit 8, this  
3 indicates that that sample is taken and it is  
4 immediately available, and it does, in no way, reflect  
5 the fact that there's been a period of time, a wait  
6 period of one time unit, whatever that may be.

7 That may sound like a trivial difference,  
8 but in many cases, it's not and it really has to do with  
9 causality.

10 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) Okay. What about -- I want  
11 you to refer to the equation -- see Section 3D on  
12 page 409 of Exhibit 8.

13 A. I have 3D.

14 Q. Right. Do you see the first equation there.  
15 It's listed  $K_{subK}$  equals  $P_{subK}$  and moves on from  
16 there?

17 A. I do.

18 Q. Right. And if -- hold on one moment.

19 Is that substantively the same as equation  
20 9 of the '438 patent?

21 MS. BRANN: Objection, form.

22 A. Yeah.

23 By the way, I want to stipulate that as I  
24 answer these questions, I'm answering these questions in  
25 terms of the particular equation that you cite here, and



1 not in terms of the total disclosures of the two  
2 documents, because if I tried to do that, it would take  
3 a lot longer.

4 Q. (BY MR. RAFILSON) Okay.

5 A. Okay. So in the case of Document 8, there is  
6 an -- if you -- if you read this directly and we're  
7 talking about the first line, agreed? This says X subK  
8 equals, and then the first term that we see is P subK,  
9 and then there's a straight horizontal line.

10 Do you see that?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. Okay. To me, I'm not sure what that means and  
13 I think there are two possible interpretations. The  
14 first one is it may mean P minus, and P minus can have  
15 all kinds of, you know, meanings, but it differentiates  
16 it from P.

17 On the other hand, since there's a line  
18 over K, this could be P at K bar. One of skill in the  
19 art would not be able to revolve that question without  
20 additional information.

21 Since that problem does not exist over here  
22 with respect to --to -- with respect to equation 9 --

23 Q. Of the '438 patent?

24 A. -- of the '438 patent, certainly, and that's --  
25 that's not a match. PK --

1 Now, the next thing, if you notice in  
2 equation 9, the order is HXP of X minus one given X  
3 minus one, but over here, you have a multiplication by  
4 the transform. Let me be sure that's right. Yeah.

5 You're multiplying P minus K, whatever that  
6 is, by H transform K. That transformation on H is not  
7 reflected in equation 9 of the '438 patent, but it is --  
8 it does show up in different -- in -- in different --  
9 different orders, and it is a transform.

10 So in this particular case, we take HX  
11 times P. In this case over here, we take P minus,  
12 whatever that is, times H transform.

13 Now, P is evaluated at -- explicitly  
14 evaluated at X minus one in the 438. K is just K, so it  
15 has the same time shift that -- that we discussed  
16 earlier.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. There's -- there's -- oh, wow, this is -- I  
19 mean -- maybe I'm looking at the wrong thing.

20 You said D -- with respect to Exhibit 8,  
21 you said D and you said the first line.

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. Okay. And then you also said equation 9?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. You're sure?

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. Okay. Well, I think the differences here are  
3 so obvious to the casual observer that it's not  
4 necessary for me to render any further opinion.

5 Notice that R1 appears on the right-hand  
6 side equation 9 and we already know from Dr. Laviola  
7 that that's an artificial noise that's introduced in the  
8 process.

9 We don't have anything that I can see here,  
10 unless -- rather than just pure R, there's an MK, RK, MK  
11 transform -- even then they're not multiplied in the  
12 same way.

13 Well, first they're added, and there's no  
14 addition here. So that -- those are so different that  
15 the casual observer, I think, will see the difference.

16 Q. Okay. So I would refer you back to your  
17 Declaration, and I'm going to refer you to --

18 THE WITNESS: Do you happen to have a  
19 paperclip? Probably not?

20 So now is a good time to staple this if you  
21 want to keep the exhibit together.

22 MR. RAFILSON: I have a binder clip, if you  
23 --

24 THE WITNESS: Whatever -- it's your  
25 exhibit. You can do whatever you want to with it.

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# Extended Kalman filter

In estimation theory, the **extended Kalman filter (EKF)** is the nonlinear version of the Kalman filter which linearizes about an estimate of the current mean and covariance. In the case of well defined transition models, the EKF has been considered<sup>[1]</sup> the de facto standard in the theory of nonlinear state estimation, navigation systems and GPS.<sup>[2]</sup>

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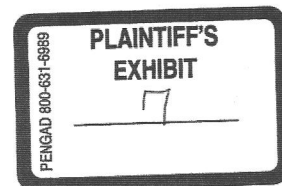
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## History

The papers establishing the mathematical foundations of Kalman type filters were published between 1959 and 1961.<sup>[3][4][5]</sup> The Kalman Filter is the optimal estimate for *linear* system models with additive independent white noise in both the transition and the measurement systems. Unfortunately, in engineering, most systems are *nonlinear*, so some attempt was immediately made to apply this filtering method to nonlinear systems. Most of this work was done at NASA Ames.<sup>[6][7]</sup> The EKF adapted techniques from calculus, namely multivariate Taylor Series expansions, to linearize a model about a working point. If the system model (as described below) is not

well known or is inaccurate, then Monte Carlo methods, especially particle filters, are employed for estimation. Monte Carlo techniques predate the existence of the EKF but are more computationally expensive for any moderately dimensioned state-space.

## Formulation

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In the extended Kalman filter, the state transition and observation models don't need to be linear functions of the state but may instead be differentiable functions.

$$\mathbf{x}_k = f(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_k) + \mathbf{w}_k$$

$$\mathbf{z}_k = h(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathbf{v}_k$$

Where  $\mathbf{w}_k$  and  $\mathbf{v}_k$  are the process and observation noises which are both assumed to be zero mean multivariate Gaussian noises with covariance  $\mathbf{Q}_k$  and  $\mathbf{R}_k$  respectively.  $\mathbf{u}_k$  is the control vector.

The function  $f$  can be used to compute the predicted state from the previous estimate and similarly the function  $h$  can be used to compute the predicted measurement from the predicted state. However,  $f$  and  $h$  cannot be applied to the covariance directly. Instead a matrix of partial derivatives (the Jacobian) is computed.

At each time step, the Jacobian is evaluated with current predicted states. These matrices can be used in the Kalman filter equations. This process essentially linearizes the non-linear function around the current estimate.

Consider Kalman Filter for notational remarks.

## Discrete-time predict and update equations

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### Predict

Predicted state estimate

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} = f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{u}_k)$$

Predicted covariance estimate

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{F}_k^\top + \mathbf{Q}_k$$

### Update

Innovation or measurement residual

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_k = \mathbf{z}_k - h(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1})$$

Innovation (or residual) covariance

$$\mathbf{S}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{R}_k$$

*Near-optimal* Kalman gain

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top \mathbf{S}_k^{-1}$$

Updated state estimate

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{K}_k \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_k$$

Updated covariance estimate

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}$$

where the state transition and observation matrices are defined to be the following Jacobians

$$\mathbf{F}_k = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{u}_k}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_k = \left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}}$$

## Higher-order extended Kalman filters

The above recursion is a first-order extended Kalman filter (EKF). Higher order EKFs may be obtained by retaining more terms of the Taylor series expansions. For example, second and third order EKFs have been described.<sup>[6]</sup> However, higher order EKFs tend to only provide performance benefits when the measurement noise is small.

## Non-additive noise formulation and equations

The typical formulation of the **EKF** involves the assumption of additive process and measurement noise. This assumption, however, is not necessary for **EKF** implementation.<sup>[9]</sup> Instead, consider a more general system of the form:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = f(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}, \mathbf{w}_{k-1})$$

$$\mathbf{z}_k = h(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k)$$

Where  $\mathbf{w}_k$  and  $\mathbf{v}_k$  are the process and observation noises which are both assumed to be zero mean multivariate Gaussian noises with covariance  $\mathbf{Q}_k$  and  $\mathbf{R}_k$  respectively. Then the covariance prediction and innovation equations become

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \mathbf{F}_{k-1}^\top + \mathbf{L}_{k-1} \mathbf{Q}_{k-1} \mathbf{L}_{k-1}^\top$$

$$\mathbf{S}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{M}_k^\top$$

where the matrices  $\mathbf{L}_{k-1}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_k$  are Jacobian matrices:

$$\mathbf{L}_{k-1} = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1}, \mathbf{u}_{k-1}}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_k = \left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}}$$



The predicted state estimate and measurement residual are evaluated at the mean of the process and measurement noise terms, which is assumed to be zero. Otherwise, the non-additive noise formulation is implemented in the same manner as the additive noise **EKF**.

## Continuous-time extended Kalman filter

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### Model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= f(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) + \mathbf{w}(t) & \mathbf{w}(t) &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}(t)) \\ \mathbf{z}(t) &= h(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{v}(t) & \mathbf{v}(t) &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}(t))\end{aligned}$$

### Initialize

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t_0) = E[\mathbf{x}(t_0)], \mathbf{P}(t_0) = Var[\mathbf{x}(t_0)]$$

### Predict-Update

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}(t) &= f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) + \mathbf{K}(t) \left( \mathbf{z}(t) - h(\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)) \right) \\ \dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) &= \mathbf{F}(t)\mathbf{P}(t) + \mathbf{P}(t)\mathbf{F}(t)^\top - \mathbf{K}(t)\mathbf{H}(t)\mathbf{P}(t) + \mathbf{Q}(t) \\ \mathbf{K}(t) &= \mathbf{P}(t)\mathbf{H}(t)^\top \mathbf{R}(t)^{-1} \\ \mathbf{F}(t) &= \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)} \\ \mathbf{H}(t) &= \left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)}\end{aligned}$$

Unlike discrete-time extended Kalman filter, the prediction and update steps are coupled in continuous-time extended Kalman filter.<sup>[10]</sup>

### Discrete-time measurements

Most physical systems are represented as continuous-time models while discrete-time measurements are frequently taken for state estimation via a digital processor. Therefore, the system model and measurement model are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) &= f(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) + \mathbf{w}(t) & \mathbf{w}(t) &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}(t)) \\ \mathbf{z}_k &= h(\mathbf{x}_k) + \mathbf{v}_k & \mathbf{v}_k &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R}_k)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{x}(t_k)$ .

### Initialize

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{0|0} = E[\mathbf{x}(t_0)], \mathbf{P}_{0|0} = Var[\mathbf{x}(t_0)]$$

### Predict

$$\begin{aligned} \text{solve } \begin{cases} \dot{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = f(\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) \\ \dot{\mathbf{P}}(t) = \mathbf{F}(t)\mathbf{P}(t) + \mathbf{P}(t)\mathbf{F}(t)^\top + \mathbf{Q}(t) \end{cases} & \text{with } \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{x}}(t_{k-1}) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1} \\ \mathbf{P}(t_{k-1}) = \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1} \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}(t_k) \\ \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} = \mathbf{P}(t_k) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}(t) = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)}$$

### Update

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_k &= \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top (\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^\top + \mathbf{R}_k)^{-1} \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k} &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{z}_k - h(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1})) \\ \mathbf{P}_{k|k} &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{H}_k = \left. \frac{\partial h}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}}$$

The update equations are identical to those of discrete-time extended Kalman filter.

## Disadvantages of the extended Kalman filter

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Unlike its linear counterpart, the extended Kalman filter in general is *not* an optimal estimator (of course it is optimal if the measurement and the state transition model are both linear, as in that case the extended Kalman filter is identical to the regular one). In addition, if the initial estimate of the state is wrong, or if the process is modeled incorrectly, the filter may quickly diverge, owing to its linearization. Another problem with the extended Kalman filter is that the estimated covariance matrix tends to underestimate the true covariance matrix and therefore risks becoming inconsistent in the statistical sense without the addition of "stabilising noise" <sup>[11]</sup>.

Having stated this, the extended Kalman filter can give reasonable performance, and is arguably the *de facto* standard in navigation systems and GPS.

## Modifications

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### Iterated extended Kalman filter

The iterated extended Kalman filter improves the linearization of the extended Kalman filter by recursively modifying the centre point of the Taylor expansion. This reduces the linearization error at the cost of increased computational requirements.

## Robust extended Kalman filters

The extended Kalman filter arises by linearizing the signal model about the current state estimate and using the linear Kalman filter to predict the next estimate. This attempts to produce a locally optimal filter, however, it is not necessarily stable because the solutions of the underlying Riccati equation are not guaranteed to be positive definite. One way of improving performance is the faux algebraic Riccati technique<sup>[12]</sup> which trades off optimality for stability. The familiar structure of the extended Kalman filter is retained but stability is achieved by selecting a positive definite solution to a faux algebraic Riccati equation for the gain design.

Another way of improving extended Kalman filter performance is to employ the H-infinity results from robust control. Robust filters are obtained by adding a positive definite term to the design Riccati equation.<sup>[13]</sup> The additional term is parametrized by a scalar which the designer may tweak to achieve a trade-off between mean-square-error and peak error performance criteria.

## Invariant extended Kalman filter

The invariant extended Kalman filter (IEKF) is a modified version of the EKF for nonlinear systems possessing symmetries (or *invariances*). It combines the advantages of both the EKF and the recently introduced symmetry-preserving filters. Instead of using a linear correction term based on a linear output error, the IEKF uses a geometrically adapted correction term based on an invariant output error; in the same way the gain matrix is not updated from a linear state error, but from an invariant state error. The main benefit is that the gain and covariance equations converge to constant values on a much bigger set of trajectories than equilibrium points as it is the case for the EKF, which results in a better convergence of the estimation.

## Unscented Kalman filters

A nonlinear Kalman filter which shows promise as an improvement over the EKF is the unscented Kalman filter (UKF). In the UKF, the probability density is approximated by a deterministic sampling of points which represent the underlying distribution as a Gaussian. The nonlinear transformation of these points are intended to be an estimation of the posterior distribution, the moments of which can then be derived from the transformed samples. The transformation is known as the unscented transform. The UKF tends to be more robust and more accurate than the EKF in its estimation of error in all the directions.

"The extended Kalman filter (EKF) is probably the most widely used estimation algorithm for nonlinear systems. However, more than 35 years of experience in the estimation community has shown that is difficult to implement, difficult to tune, and only reliable for systems that are almost linear on the time scale of the updates. Many of these difficulties arise from its use of linearization."<sup>[1]</sup>

A 2012 paper includes simulation results which suggest that some published variants of the UKF fail to be as accurate as the Second Order Extended Kalman Filter (SOEKF), called also the augmented Kalman filter.<sup>[14]</sup> The SOEKF predates the UKF by approximately 35 years with the moment dynamics first described by Bass et al.<sup>[15]</sup> The difficulty in implementing any Kalman-type filters for nonlinear state transitions stems from the numerical stability issues required for precision,<sup>[16]</sup> however the UKF does not escape this difficulty in that it uses linearization as well, namely linear regression. The stability issues for the UKF generally stem from the numerical approximation to the square root of the covariance matrix, whereas the stability issues for both the EKF and the SOEKF stem from possible issues in the Taylor Series approximation along the trajectory.

## See also

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- Kalman filter
- Ensemble Kalman filter
- Fast Kalman filter
- Invariant extended Kalman filter
- Moving horizon estimation
- Particle filter
- Unscented Kalman filter

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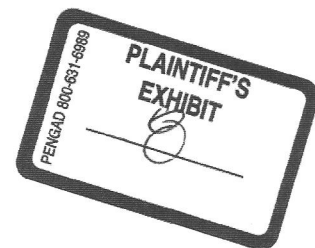
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$$\begin{aligned}
 x_k &= f_{k-1}(\hat{x}_{k-1}^+, u_{k-1}, 0) + \left. \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial x} \right|_{\hat{x}_{k-1}^+} (x_{k-1} - \hat{x}_{k-1}^+) + \left. \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial w} \right|_{\hat{x}_{k-1}^+} w_{k-1} \\
 &= f_{k-1}(\hat{x}_{k-1}^+, u_{k-1}, 0) + F_{k-1}(x_{k-1} - \hat{x}_{k-1}^+) + L_{k-1}w_{k-1} \\
 &= F_{k-1}x_{k-1} + [f_{k-1}(\hat{x}_{k-1}^+, u_{k-1}, 0) - F_{k-1}\hat{x}_{k-1}^+] + L_{k-1}w_{k-1} \\
 &= F_{k-1}x_{k-1} + \tilde{u}_{k-1} + \tilde{w}_{k-1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{13.39}$$

$F_{k-1}$  and  $L_{k-1}$  are defined by the above equation. The known signal  $\tilde{u}_k$  and the noise signal  $\tilde{w}_k$  are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{u}_k &= f_k(\hat{x}_k^+, u_k, 0) - F_k\hat{x}_k^+ \\
 \tilde{w}_k &\sim (0, L_k Q_k L_k^T)
 \end{aligned} \tag{13.40}$$

We linearize the measurement equation around  $x_k = \hat{x}_k^-$  and  $v_k = 0$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_k &= h_k(\hat{x}_k^-, 0) + \left. \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial x} \right|_{\hat{x}_k^-} (x_k - \hat{x}_k^-) + \left. \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial v} \right|_{\hat{x}_k^-} v_k \\
 &= h_k(\hat{x}_k^-, 0) + H_k(x_k - \hat{x}_k^-) + M_k v_k \\
 &= H_k x_k + [h_k(\hat{x}_k^-, 0) - H_k \hat{x}_k^-] + M_k v_k \\
 &= H_k x_k + z_k + \tilde{v}_k
 \end{aligned} \tag{13.41}$$

$H_k$  and  $M_k$  are defined by the above equation. The known signal  $z_k$  and the noise signal  $\tilde{v}_k$  are defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 z_k &= h_k(\hat{x}_k^-, 0) - H_k \hat{x}_k^- \\
 \tilde{v}_k &\sim (0, M_k R_k M_k^T)
 \end{aligned} \tag{13.42}$$

We have a linear state-space system in Equation (13.39) and a linear measurement in Equation (13.41). That means we can use the standard Kalman filter equations to estimate the state. This results in the following equations for the discrete-time extended Kalman filter.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_k^- &= F_{k-1}P_{k-1}^+ F_{k-1}^T + L_{k-1}Q_{k-1}L_{k-1}^T \\
 K_k &= P_k^- H_k^T (H_k P_k^- H_k^T + M_k R_k M_k^T)^{-1} \\
 \hat{x}_k^- &= f_{k-1}(\hat{x}_{k-1}^+, u_{k-1}, 0) \\
 z_k &= h_k(\hat{x}_k^-, 0) - H_k \hat{x}_k^- \\
 \hat{x}_k^+ &= \hat{x}_k^- + K_k(y_k - H_k \hat{x}_k^- - z_k) \\
 &= \hat{x}_k^- + K_k[y_k - h_k(\hat{x}_k^-, 0)] \\
 P_k^+ &= (I - K_k H_k) P_k^-
 \end{aligned} \tag{13.43}$$

The discrete-time EKF can be summarized as follows.

### The discrete-time extended Kalman filter

1. The system and measurement equations are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_k &= f_{k-1}(x_{k-1}, u_{k-1}, w_{k-1}) \\ y_k &= h_k(x_k, v_k) \\ w_k &\sim (0, Q_k) \\ v_k &\sim (0, R_k) \end{aligned} \quad (13.44)$$

2. Initialize the filter as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_0^+ &= E(x_0) \\ P_0^+ &= E[(x_0 - \hat{x}_0^+)(x_0 - \hat{x}_0^+)^T] \end{aligned} \quad (13.45)$$

3. For  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , perform the following.

- (a) Compute the following partial derivative matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{k-1} &= \left. \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial x} \right|_{\hat{x}_{k-1}^+} \\ L_{k-1} &= \left. \frac{\partial f_{k-1}}{\partial w} \right|_{\hat{x}_{k-1}^+} \end{aligned} \quad (13.46)$$

- (b) Perform the time update of the state estimate and estimation-error covariance as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_k^- &= F_{k-1} P_{k-1}^+ F_{k-1}^T + L_{k-1} Q_{k-1} L_{k-1}^T \\ \hat{x}_k^- &= f_{k-1}(\hat{x}_{k-1}^+, u_{k-1}, 0) \end{aligned} \quad (13.47)$$

- (c) Compute the following partial derivative matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} H_k &= \left. \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial x} \right|_{\hat{x}_k^-} \\ M_k &= \left. \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial v} \right|_{\hat{x}_k^-} \end{aligned} \quad (13.48)$$

- (d) Perform the measurement update of the state estimate and estimation-error covariance as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} K_k &= P_k^- H_k^T (H_k P_k^- H_k^T + M_k R_k M_k^T)^{-1} \\ \hat{x}_k^+ &= \hat{x}_k^- + K_k [y_k - h_k(\hat{x}_k^-, 0)] \\ P_k^+ &= (I - K_k H_k) P_k^- \end{aligned} \quad (13.49)$$

Note that other equivalent expressions can be used for  $K_k$  and  $P_k^+$ , as is apparent from Equation (5.19).